sure about it so what Senator Carsten is doing is in line with what we would like to do and that is fine.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Carsten, we are voting on the amendment to the committee amendment first. Okay, all those in favor of the amendment to the committee amendment vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Carsten's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment to the amendments is adopted. Now to the amendments.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Now, Mr. President, I would move for the adoption of the committee amendments as amended. As I explained, the revenue severance tax and the allocation of that tax has been removed and is now only the clarification of the responsibility of the payment of the tax. It is clarified and both sides of the question here seem to be happy with this bill now. I would move for its adoption.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the committee amendments. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. May I announce some guests. Senator Chronister has his daughter and son-in-law under the south balcony and they are Janet and Mike Casuscelli from Sioux City, Iowa. Would you please welcome them to the Legislature. Then Senator Sieck has thirty-four Fourth Graders in the north balcony from Milford Elementary School. Their teachers are Jan Shaw and Vicky Timme. Would you please rise. Welcome to your Legislature. Now we are back on the bill. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, as Senator Carsten said, the committee spent a lot of time on this legislation and the major point of controversy was the increase in the severance taxes and that was strongly opposed and so that was taken out of the bill. All the bill now does after the committee amendments is deal with the collection of...the question of the collection of the severance tax and there